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In re Patent No. 6,874,726	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Issue Date: April 5, 2005	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) AND
Application No. 10/617,126	:	REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE
Filed: July 10, 2003	:	OF CORRECTION
Attorney Docket No. 2409.2.1.4	:	

This is a decision in response to the corrected petition, filed March 27, 2007, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), seeking to add a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to nonprovisional Application Nos. 09/434,609, filed November 5, 1999 and 09/023,318, filed February 13, 1998, by way of a certificate of correction. The original petition was filed November 6, 2006.

The petition is **granted**.

A review of the file record fails to disclose that a claim for the benefit of priority to the above-noted, prior-filed nonprovisional applications was made within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and further failed to include a proper reference to the prior-filed applications as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) and 1.78(a)(2)(iii).

The instant application was filed July 10, 2003. Therefore, since this application was filed after November 29, 2000, a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), along with submission of a Certificate of Correction, is the appropriate avenue of relief to accept a late claim for the benefit of priority to a prior-filed nonprovisional application after issuance of the application into a patent. *See* MPEP 1481.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and

- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

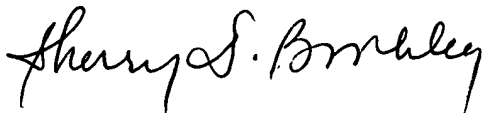
As the petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the above-noted, prior-filed nonprovisional applications satisfies the conditions of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), the petition is granted.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the above-noted, prior-filed nonprovisional applications, accompanies this decision on petition.

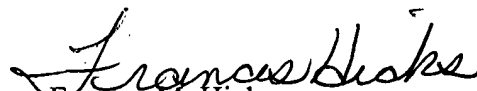
Petitioner is advised that the granting of this petition and the mailing of a corrected Filing Receipt should not be viewed as an indication that a determination has been made that this application is entitled to claim benefit of the prior-filed applications. A determination that applicant is entitled to claim benefit of the prior-filed application will be made by the Examiner prior to the mailing of a certificate of correction.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to Sherry Brinkley at (571) 272-3204.

This application is being referred to the Certificates of Correction Branch for processing the request for a certificate of correction in accordance with this decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3).



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Attachment: Corrected Filing Receipt



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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CON of 09/774,389 01/29/2001 PAT 6,598,825
 which is a CIP of 09/434,609 11/05/1999 PAT 6,179,245
 which is a DIV of 09/023,318 02/13/1998 PAT 6,003,807

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 10/08/2003

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Non-Publication Request: No

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